

[DEPED ORDER NO. 59, S. 2003, July 23, 2003]

**REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES WHEN
TYPHOONS AND OTHER CALAMITIES OCCUR**

1. The revised guidelines on the suspension of classes in cases of typhoons and other calamities are hereby issued for the information of all concerned.

a. Automatic Suspension of Classes

The Department has established guidelines for the automatic suspension or cancellation of classes in all public and private elementary and secondary schools that do not require any announcement.

When Signal No. 1 is raised by PAG-ASA, classes at the pre-school and elementary levels shall be automatically suspended in all public and private schools.

When Signal No. 2 is raised by PAG-ASA, classes at the pre-school, elementary and secondary levels shall be automatically suspended in all public and private schools. PAG-ASA normally makes these announcements over broadcast media 11 pm in the evening and 5 am in the morning.

The automatic suspension of classes also applies to public school teachers since they shall be required to hold make-up classes in lieu of the suspended classes. In the case of private schools, the suspension of work by school personnel shall be at the discretion of the school heads/directors/principals.

b. Localized Suspension of Classes

In the absence of typhoon signal warnings from PAG-ASA, localized suspension or cancellation of classes in both public and private elementary and/or secondary schools in specific divisions may be implemented.

The Superintendent shall decide on the suspension of classes if such covers the entire division. If the suspension is for specific schools only, the school principal/head shall decide on the matter.

Coordination with the local chief executives shall be undertaken at all times since they chair the local Disaster Coordinating Council (DCC) and can mobilize local government personnel to evaluate the threats to public safety such as heavy rains, earthquakes, floods, high tide and transport